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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action dated October 25, 2004, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on January 25, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of all the claims pending in the present application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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